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SUBJECT: LABOR'S PROPOSAL TO MRS. PERON

SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY VERSION OF LABOR'S PROPOSALS TO MRS. PERON PRESENTED IN JULY 21 MEETING. DOCUMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNS GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES WHO THROUGH ARBITRARY USE OF POWER WEAKENED POWER OF STATE, DETRACTED FROM THE JUSTICIALIST PRINCIPLES, AND DESTROYED THE NATIONAL ECONOMY. IT ALSO SETS FORTH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVITALIZING THE PERONIST DOCTRINE, RE-ENFORCING THE POLITICAL POWER OF THE STATE AND RE-ENFORCING THE ECONOMY. LABOR AND POLITICAL SOURCES ADVISE US THAT LITTLE THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO ECONOMIC RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THAT LABOR IS IN NO WAY WEDDED TO THEM. END SUMMARY.

1. JOINT CGT/62 ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNIQUE PRESENTED TO MRS. PERON ON JULY 21 AND PUBLISHED IN JULY 22 PRESS SYNTHESIZES ORGANIZED LABOR'S DISILLUSIONMENT AND DISGUST WITH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LEADERS WHO HAVE "BETRAYED PHILOSOPHY OF GENERAL PERON" AND MAKES SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES IN POLITICAL, GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC AREAS. CURRENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRISIS WAS BLAMED ON GOVERNMENT FIGURES WHO, BECAUSE OF THEIR

LACK OF IDEOLOGY AND IN VIOLATION OF THE LAWS, COMMITTED MASSIVE ERRORS WHICH WEAKENED THE POWER OF THE STATE AND DISTORTED THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF THE JUSTICIALIST DOCTRINE.

2. ON THE POLITICAL DOCTRINARY FRONT LABOR REITERATED NEED TO FOLLOW GENERAL PERON'S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES. IT CALLED FOR RETURN TO POLICY OF PARTICIPATION BY ALL SECTORS, RECONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE, JUSTICIALIST MOVEMENT AND PARTY, AND MUCH GREATER GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND RETURN TO THIRD WORLD INTERNATIONAL POLICIES. IT INSISTED THAT AS BACKBONE OF PERONIST MOVEMENT, LABOR BE GRANTED FULL PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNING PROCESSES.

3. IN ECONOMIC PORTION OF DOCUMENT, CGT SEEKS RETURN TO NATIONALISTIC POPULISM OF EARLIER GELBARD ERA. HIGH PRIORITY GIVEN TO KEY ROLE OF STATE IN ECONOMY, NEED FOR "CONCERTATION" AMONG SECTORS, AND IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES OF THREE YEAR PLAN. TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC CRISIS, CGT ADVOCATES FOLLOWING EMERGENCY MEASURES: 1) PRICE FREEZE; 2) RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBSIDIES FOR CONSUMER GOODS; 3) IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF WAGE CONTRACTS; 4) NATIONALIZATION OF EXTERNAL SECTOR AND NEGOTIATION OF NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENTS; 5) NATIONALIZATION OF FINANCIAL SYSTEM; AND 6) CREATION OF A NATIONAL ECONOMIC EMERGENCY COUNCIL TO ADVISE MINISTER OF ECONOMY.

4. COMMENT. DESPITE FANFARE, DOCUMENT PRESENTS NOTHING NEW AND WILL NOT SERVE AS ENDURING STATEMENT OF LABOR'S POSITION. OTHER THAN MAKING OFFICIAL LABOR'S DISGUST AND CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POLITICAL DOCTRINARY PART IS SIMPLY CALL FOR RETURN TO PERON'S PROPOSALS OF TWO YEARS AGO. ECONOMIC PROPOSALS DO NOT APPEAR VERY RELEVANT TO TODAY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. MOREOVER, THEY APPEAR STEP BACKWARD TO EARLIER POLICIES OF GELBARD'S REGIME WHICH IN FACT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF TODAY'S PROBLEMS. CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER TOLD LABATT THAT ECONOMIC ASPECTS NOT WORTH PAPER THEY WERE WRITTEN ON AS THEY IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT AND INCAPABLE OF RESOLVING PROBLEMS. HE SAID THEY WERE THROWN TOGETHER BY UNKNOWLEDGEABLE TECHNICIANS AND ADVISORS TO THE CGT. WHEN ASKED WHY DOCUMENT WAS PRESENTED IF IT WAS IN FACT WORTHLESS, HE REPLIED THAT THE POLITICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOSCTRINARY POSITIONS WERE THE IMPORTANT ASPECTS AND THE ECONOMIC PART WAS MERELY TO GET SOMETHING MOVING. ALONG SAME LINES, AN EMBASSY SOURCE ADVISED EMBOFF THAT CGT SECGEN HERRERAS HAD NOT EVEN SEEN DOCUMENT UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE HIS READING IT TO MRS. PERON. DOCUMENT THEREFORE IN NO WAY IS ACTION PLAN FOR ORGANIZED LABOR, MUCH LESS ONE ON WHICH IT WILL EXPEND MUCH POLITICAL CAPITAL.

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